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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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Claims 1-98 (Canceled)

- 99. (Currently Amended) An enzyme solution comprising an anti-freeze protein and a[[n]] recombinant enzyme; wherein said anti-freeze protein comprises an alanine rich motif, and wherein said recombinant enzyme retains enzymatic activity after at least one freeze/thaw event.
- 100. (Currently Amended) The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, wherein said recombinant enzyme retains activity after more than ten freeze/thaw events.
- 101. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, further comprising a buffer.
- 102. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 101, wherein said buffer is zwitterionic.
- 103. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, further comprising a carrier protein.
- 104. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 103, wherein said carrier protein is bovine serum albumin (BSA).
- 105. (Cancelled)
- 106. (**Previously presented**) The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, wherein said anti-freeze protein is an AFP Type I protein.
- 107. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 101, wherein said enzyme solution has a pH from about 7.9 to about 8.9.
- 108. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, further comprising a polyol.

- 109. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 108, wherein said polyol is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol and trehalose.
- 110. **(Previously presented)** The enzyme solution according to Claim 108, wherein said polyol comprises sorbitol and trehalose.
- 111. (Previously presented) The enzyme solution according to Claim 99, wherein said anti-freeze protein has a concentration of from about 10ug/ml to about 200 ug/ml.
- 112. (Currently Amended) The enzyme solution according Claim 99, wherein said recombinant enzyme is a DNA polymerase and the addition of said recombinant enzyme solution to an amplification reaction mixture improves the sensitivity and yield of [[the]] a nucleic acid amplification reaction in said reaction mixture.
- 113. **(Previously presented)** A reaction mixture for use in a nucleic acid amplification reaction, comprising dNTPs and an enzyme solution according to Claim 112.
- 114. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the stability of a[[n]] recombinant enzyme over the course of two or more freeze/thaw events, comprising the addition of an anti-freeze protein to an enzyme solution containing said recombinant enzyme prior to said freeze thaw events.
- 115. (Withdrawn) A method for increasing the sensitivity and yield of a nucleic acid amplification reaction, comprising combining a target nucleic acid sequence with at least one primer in a reaction mixture according to Claim 113 and amplifying said target nucleic acid sequence, wherein the inclusion of said anti-freeze protein increases amplicon yield and sensitivity.
- 116. (Withdrawn) An improved method for detecting a target nucleic acid sequence in a sample, comprising combining said sample with at least one primer in a reaction mixture according to Claim 113 and amplifying said target nucleic acid sequence; wherein the inclusion of said anti-freeze protein increases signal intensity and improves the signal-to-noise ratio.
- 117. **(Withdrawn)** An improved method for quantifying a target nucleic acid sequence in a sample, comprising combining said sample with at least one primer in a reaction mixture

according to Claim 113 and amplifying said target nucleic acid sequence; wherein the inclusion of said anti-freeze protein increases signal intensity and improves the signal-to-noise ratio.

- 118. (Currently Amended) A kit comprising: a solution comprising an anti-freeze protein and a[[n]] recombinant enzyme.
- 119. **(Previously presented)** The kit of Claim 117 wherein the solution further comprises a carrier protein.